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SUBJECT: EC PARLIAMENT RESOLUTIONS OF DEFENSE

1. ON DECEMBER 15 THE EC PARLIAMENT ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ON THE COORDINATION OF DEFENSE POLICY. THE RESOLUTION RECALLS PREVIOUS PARLIAMENT, COMMISSION AND COUNCIL STATEMENTS INDICATING THAT DEFENSE CANNOT BE IGNORED BY THE COMMUNITY AND OBSERVES THAT WHILE THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS IN HARMONIZING THE FOREIGN POLICIES OF THE MEMBER STATES THERE HAS BEEN NO CORRESPONDING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE HARMONIZATION OF DEFENSE POLICIES. THE RESOLUTION POINTS OUT THAT A STRATEGIC IMBALANCE COULD JEOPARDIZE THE PROSPECT OF GENUINE EAST-WEST DETENTE AND NOTES THE NEED TO MAKE THE OPTIMUM USE OF THE MANPOWER RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR DEFENSE PURPOSES. IT NOTES THE NEED TO ACHIEVE RATIONALIZATION OF THE PRODUCTION OF ARMAENTS AND LOGISTICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COMMUNITY TO OFFSET THE HIGH RISE IN DEFENSE COSTS.

2. THE ACTION RECOMMENDATION IS QUOTE BELOW IN FULL.
BEGIN QUOTE (THE PARLIAMENT) URGES THOSE GOVERNMENTS OF THE NINE WHICH MAY WISH TO TAKE PART IN SUCH A PRO-
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GRAMME:

(A) TO INITIATE IMMEDIATELY, AS PART OF THE EXISTING
PROCEDURE FOR HARMONIZING THE FOREIGN POLICY OF
MEMBER STATES, A TECHNICAL STUDY OF THE BEST MEANS
OF ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES SET OUT ABOVE;
(B) TO SET UP AN AGENCY ULTIMATELY AIMED AT THE JOINT
MANUFACTURE WEAPONS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS
OF THE MEMBER STATES;
(C) TO DRAW UP AND ADOPT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A GENERAL
PLAN EMBODYING THE ABOVE PROPOSALS END QUOTE.

3. THE DEBATE ON THE MOTION TOOK PLACE ON A MONDAY
AFTERNOON WHEN ATTENDANCE WAS AS USUALLY LIGHT.
DEBATE WAS OFTEN SPIRITED, NONETHELESS, WITH THE
SOCIALISTS AND THE COMMUNISTS ARGUING THAT THE PAR-
LIAMENT SHOULD NOT MEDDLE IN DEFENSE WHICH IS ADE-
QUATELY COVERED BY OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.
A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS FROM THE CENTER AND THE RIGHT
ARGUED THAT DEFENSE COULD NOT BE IGNORED IF THE COM-
MUNITY WAS TO MOVE FORWARD. GREENWALD

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